



January 31, 2020

Dear St. John Families,

Thank you to Mrs. Tzitzouris, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Donohue, Mrs. Bressler, and all the volunteers who assisted with our SJE Book Fair. Our students really love getting new books!

Thank you to Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Baumeister and all of their volunteers for a magical daddy/daughter dance. Our girls and dads danced the night away and shared a special night together.

Thank you to all of our parents who organized, donated, and served for our student ice cream social and faculty breakfast. Your generosity is much appreciated!

We have reached the half-way point of our second trimester, and it is time to check PowerSchool for students in Grades 3-8. Students in Grades 1 and 2 will receive their interim reports next week. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher. The partnership between home and school is very important to the academic success of all our children.

Finally, congratulations to Ms. Thomas, our SJE Teacher of the Year! Her dedication to our mission and love for Catholic education is a blessing to our community. She will be celebrated with other outstanding teachers in the Archdiocese at the AOB Convocation in August.

Many blessings,

Mrs. Blake

School Calendar Dates for 2020-2021

First Day-8/31/20 Noon Dismissal

Christmas- 12/23/20- 1/3/21 School Closed

Easter- 4/2/21- 4/11/21 School Closed

Last Day- 6/10/21

*Additional dates will be added once the calendar is approved by the Department of Catholic Schools.

Congratulations to our students who participated in the SJE Catholic Bee and the NDP Egg Drop Contest. See below for our student participants.

SJE Catholic Bee

1st Place- Shelby Persico (Grade 5)

2nd Place- Katie Kruk (Grade 5)

3rd Place- Rocco Smith (Grade 3)

Grade 3- Matthew Dorrell, Benjamin Hecht, Kylie Murphy

Grade 4- Michael Cuomo, Nicholas Stewart, Ryleigh Lancaster. Meredith MacDonnell

Grade 5- Jack Zeller, Mary Elizabeth Thompson

NDP Egg Drop Contest

Team #1- Emily Backus, Mimi Davis, Hannah Zeller, Emily Kane

Team #2- Olivia DiCocco, Maeghan Montero, Anastasia Terry, Rebecca Coleman

Team #3- Frannie Parr, Delaney Edwards, Brooke Mikelskas, Valentina Lumaro

Pizza / Hot Dog/ Chick-fil-A Lunch

The link below is the order form for pizza, hot dog, and Chick-fil-A lunch orders through April 1. Information about the start date and payment is on the form. **The due date for orders is Sunday, February 2.**

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stjohnhydes/lunch>

School, Parish, and AOB Grants for 2020-2021

To be considered for any grants, you must apply online through FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment which helps the Archdiocese, parish, and school determine grant awards to new and current families. The deadline to submit an application through FACTS is **February 28, 2020 for the 2020-2021 School Year**. Visit our school website to see detailed information about our various grants and how to apply.

<https://stjohnschoolgv.org/admissions/tuitiongrant-aid>

Let SJE's Advocate Program Pay Off for You!

SJE parents are the school's B E S T salespeople and ambassadors! We count on you to help our school continue to grow and maintain a healthy enrollment. Encourage your neighbors, co-workers, friends, teammates and family members **now** and you will **receive a \$500 credit to next year's tuition** when they enroll.

HASA News

Signupgenius.com

HASA is currently working on streamlining all of our volunteer opportunities into one location! You can now go <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/signUps/findSignUpResults> to see how you can help. Bookmark this page and check back frequently as we continue to bring all of our needs into one location!

Lunch Duty Sign-up

Below you will find the sign-up links for lunch duty. Parents are kindly asked to volunteer for 2-3 lunch duties per child throughout the school year.

Grade 4

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BACAF2DAAFC1-4thgrade1>

Grade 3

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BACAF2DAAFC1-3rdgrade1>

Grade 2

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BACAF2DAAFC1-2ndgrade1>

Grade 1

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BACAF2DAAFC1-1stgrade1>

St. John the Evangelist School is an Archdiocese of Baltimore Collaborative School that prepares students for success by providing academic excellence, formation in Christian values and service, and diverse extra-curricular activities. The faculty actively engages students using a variety of instructional approaches that support each child's uniqueness. Together with the community, St. John the Evangelist School aspires to infuse Catholic identity into all aspects of the school's daily life, leading each child to Christ.

Parish News

Blessing of Candles & Throats This Weekend

Bring your candles from home to be blessed at Masses the weekend of **February 1-2**. There will also be Blessing of Throats for the Feast of St. Blaise after Masses for those interested. There will also be Blessing of Throats on **Monday, February 3 at the 8:30 AM Mass in the chapel**.

Valentine's Mass for Couples

All married and engaged couples are invited to celebrate Valentine's Day on **Saturday, February 15** at the "One Mind, One Heart, One Spirit" Mass at 5:00 PM. There will be a special blessing for all couples and a renewal of vows for married couples during the Mass.

Make Plans for Vacation Bible School Now!

Mark your calendars today for St. John the Evangelist Vacation Bible School - **Rocky Railway** – "Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through" on **July 13 - 17** from 9 AM – 12 noon. To register, please visit our website at www.sjehydes.org/community/vbs.

We are looking for volunteers who love children and sharing their gifts and talents to spread the word of God. We need artists to help create scenes and decorate, people who like to play games, anyone who likes to make food fun for kids. We are also looking for middle schoolers and high schoolers to be crew leaders and to help with skits. There is so much to be done, we need all the help we can get.

All helpers who are age 14 and above must be willing to become Certified through the Archdiocesan Child & Youth Protection Program. All certifications must be completed no later than **June 1, 2020** to volunteer. For more info, call 410-592-6206, Ext. 107.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, February 25** beginning at 5:00 PM in the church hall. Bring the family for a "Fat Tuesday" dinner! Watch the bulletin for more details.

For more parish news, be sure to check out the St. John bulletin

at: <https://www.fataonline.com/bulletins/StJohnHydes>

Volunteering and VIRTUS

If you want to volunteer and/or **attend field trips and Olympic Day**, you must be current with the VIRTUS screening and training. Complete or update your certification easily online at <http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>. Please contact Mary Beth Bressler at stand@stjohnschoolgv.org if you have any questions.

Spirit Day

Once a month on the Tuesday that we have our pizza lunch in the Church Hall, we also have a special spirit day. Our student council chooses a theme, and students can wear t-shirts, socks, and hair accessories reflective of that theme with their gym pants and gym shoes. Our next SJE Spirit Day is **February 18**, and no donation is required. The theme will change each month and be announced in the weekly update.

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of bad weather, the school office will send phone, text, and e-mail messages to parents as well as posting it on our website announcing any closings or delays. Because of St. John School's proximity to Harford County, we will follow the guidelines of Baltimore County or Harford County in the event of early dismissal/delayed opening or school closure in either county due to severe weather.

When Baltimore County and/or Harford County announce:

One Hour Late Opening

Morning Pre-K 3 & 4 start 9:15 AM and dismiss 11:45 AM

All day Pre-K – 8 start 9:15 AM and dismiss at 3:00 PM.

Two Hour Late Opening

Morning Pre-K 3 & 4 start 10:15 AM and dismiss 12:15 PM.

All day Pre-K - 8 start 10:15 AM and dismiss 3:00 PM

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Calendar

Monday, February 3- Rosary Club/Drama Club/Drama Club Junior

Tuesday, February 4- Musical Eagles/Drama Club/KC Dance

Wednesday, February 5- K-2 Book Club

Thursday, February 6- Drama Club/Drama Club Junior/K-5 LEGO Club

Friday, February 7- ☺

Monday, February 10- Chess Club/Drama Club/Drama Club Junior

Tuesday, February 11- Musical Eagles/Drama Club/KC Dance

Wednesday, February 12- School Mass 8:45 am

Thursday, February 13- Prospective Family Open House

Friday, February 14- **School Closed**-Teacher Professional Day

Monday, February 17- **School Closed**-Presidents' Day

